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WEEKLY NEWS ❖ March 21, 2021

❖ IN THE LORD'S HOUSE TODAY ❖

WELCOME! We are happy that you are worshipping with us. As Psalm 122:1 says, "I was glad when they said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the Lord!'" Here in the Lord's House our Lord Jesus Christ is truly present in His Word and Sacrament to give us His gifts of forgiveness, life, and salvation. We continue to follow appropriate social distancing and hygienic protocols as noted in the service folder. The Sunday Divine Service is also being live-streamed on Hope's [Facebook page](#) and the service folder (bulletin) may be [accessed here](#). "Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever" (Psalm 136:1).

❖ THE WORD FOR TODAY ❖

JESUS IS OUR REDEMPTION

In the temple Jesus said, "If anyone keeps my word, he will never see death" (John 8:51). For Jesus came to taste death for us – to drink the cup of suffering to the dregs in order that we might be released from its power. Clinging to His life-giving words, we are delivered from death's sting and its eternal judgment. Christ is our High Priest, who entered the Most Holy Place and with His own blood obtained everlasting redemption for His people (Heb. 9:11-15). He is the One who was before Abraham was, and yet is his descendant. He is the promised Son who carries the wood up the mountain for the sacrifice, who is bound and laid upon the altar of the cross. He is the ram who is offered in our place, who is willingly caught in the thicket of our sin, and who wears the crown of thorns upon His head (Gen. 22:1-14). Though Jesus is dishonored by the sons of the devil, He is vindicated by the Father through the cross.

❖ THE MUSIC FOR TODAY ❖

MY SONG IS LOVE UNKNOWN – LSB 430

What kind of love does the Father have for us? He sent His Son to die so we would be called children of God (1 John 3:1). This love no one born from Adam can fully understand. This love we know only as we ponder what Jesus Christ has done for us, especially His death in the place of sinners. To defeat the devil for sinners, He is exchanged for a murderer (Barabbas). Christ, the Suffering Servant (Isaiah 52-53), came from heaven for this purpose: to die the death of sinners and to be buried in our place. Because He died this death, all Christians rejoice and sing praises since we shall be taken to dwell with our saving God in heaven. Thus we sing of God's love for us in Christ, now and forevermore. (from logia.org)

❖ PREPARING FOR WORSHIP ❖

- *PREPARE* to receive the Lord's Supper by reviewing "Christian Questions and Their Answers" beginning on 329 in the front part of *Lutheran Service Book*.
- *REFLECT* on Psalm 43 in the front part of *Lutheran Service Book*.
- *PONDER* today's Hymn of the Day, *LSB 430*, "My Song is Love Unknown"

HOLY COMMUNION is celebrated at each Sunday morning Divine Service, with both chalice and individual cup offered. Members of congregations of The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod may partake of the Sacrament trusting that in this Holy Meal the Lord Jesus Christ is present and gives His Body and Blood for our forgiveness, life, and salvation. Guests are asked to speak with the pastor prior to communing. Those who have a health concern with the alcohol in the cup are asked to speak with the pastor. If you are taking Communion, please fill out the attendance card by marking an "X" in the box by the names of those communing, and hand the card to an usher as you go to the Lord's Table.

❖ SCRIPTURE READINGS TO PREPARE FOR NEXT SUNDAY ❖

PALM SUNDAY (March 28, 2021)

Jesus enters Jerusalem to go to the cross for our forgiveness, life, and salvation.

- Processional: **John 12:12-19** – Jesus enters Jerusalem in triumph.
Old Testament: **Zechariah 9:9-12** – Behold, your King is coming to you.
Psalm: **Psalm 73** – "Truly God is good to Israel."
Epistle: **Philippians 2:5-11** – Jesus humbled Himself unto death.
Holy Gospel: **Matthew 27:11-54** – Jesus is crucified.



✠ PARISH NEWS AND NOTES ✠

IN KEEPING WITH THE ST. LOUIS CITY "REOPENING STANDARDS AND GUIDELINES," we are conducting in-person public worship with proper hygienic and social-distancing measures. Effective Sunday, September 13, we resume our regular Sunday morning schedule to include Sunday School, Bible Class, and Catechism Class. We are also offering a second Divine Service opportunity on Wednesdays at 7:00 pm, beginning September 16. For more details, see the most recent (7/29/20) [Pastoral Letter](#) on our [website](#).

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH IN LEMAY is hosting a midweek Lenten organ recital series. Thirty-minute recitals will take place at 11:00 am on Wednesdays in Lent, preceding their mid-day Lenten services. Recitals will be heard live on KFUE 850 AM, streamed on YouTube (at Peace Lutheran Church STL), or socially distant and in person in their sanctuary. More information is available at peacestlmusic.org.

LAST SUNDAY TO ORDER EASTER LILIES!!! They will be used on Easter Sunday in the altar area. If you wish to place a plant in honor or memory of someone, please pick up an envelope from the narthex or call Carol, 752-0525, TODAY. Lilies are \$8.00 each and are yours to take home after the service on Easter.

PREMIER CONFERENCE FOR LUTHERAN LAITY... You're invited to attend the Issues, Etc. "Making the Case" Conference Friday, July 23 and Saturday, July 24 at Concordia University Chicago. Speakers include: Mark & Mollie Hemingway, Lawrence Rast, Bryan Wolfmueller, Will Weedon and Robert George. Early bird registration is \$135 and includes three meals. For more information, visit issuesetc.org or call (618) 223-8385.

STEWARDSHIP BLURB FOR SUNDAY, March 21: **Genesis 22:2** - "He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you." It's hard for us to even fathom a faith as strong as Abraham's: he follows the Lord's Word even when it seems impossibly hard. But he does so because he knows that the Lord only means to bless. What happened here to Abraham should be an encouragement for us: trust the Lord and keep His Word.

UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY TO HELP LCMS MISSIONARIES: Are you interested in a unique opportunity to help our newly employed LCMS missionaries? Our brand-new missionaries have been working hard creating presentations about their work but are looking for feedback and need practice presenting in front of a live Zoom audience. Join the LCMS Office of International Mission via Zoom for "New Missionary Presentations" on Saturday, March 20th from 9:00 am- 10:30 am. Come to learn how these missionaries will share the Gospel to the ends of the earth and give them crucial feedback as they continue to refine their presentations in a safe environment. There will be opportunities for either verbal or written feedback depending on time and your comfort level. If you would like to attend, please email mservices@lcms.org to receive the Zoom link.

STEWARDSHIP AT HOPE ✠ February

ATTENDANCE	FINANCIAL			
	February		Year-to-date	
	Actual	Budgeted	Actual	Budgeted
Sunday: 81	Income: \$20,748	\$24,319	Income: \$41,163	\$48,638
	Expense: \$19,974	\$23,359	Expense: \$41,624	\$46,717

THIS WEEK AT HOPE ✠ March 21, 2021

SCHEDULE	SUNDAY SCHOOL HOUR OFFERINGS	WEEK'S CALENDAR
9:00 - DIVINE SERVICE Live stream at www.facebook.com/hopelutheranstl	Nursery: 2nd Floor - Sanctuary: "Eighth Day Images of Hope" Pastor Randy Asburry	MONDAY
10:30 - Sunday School/Bible Study		TUESDAY
11:45 - Youth Catechism Class		WEDNESDAY 7:00 pm - Lent PM Prayer
		THURSDAY
		FRIDAY
		SATURDAY Pastor's Day Off